

**ARIZONA LEARNS SCHOOL CLASSIFICATION DEFINITIONS**  
**DRAFT ONLY – NOT APPROVED BY STATE BOARD**

**EXCELLING:** A school that demonstrates optimal student performance.

**HIGHLY PERFORMING:** A school that exceeds the state’s expectations with regard to student proficiency in reaching the state’s academic standards, and has a pre-determined number of students exceeding the standard.

**PERFORMING:** A school that meets the state’s expectations with regard to student proficiency in reaching the state’s academic standards.

**UNDERPERFORMING:** A school in need of improvement in its academic performance.

**FAILING TO MEET ACADEMIC STANDARDS:** A school receiving three consecutive underperforming classifications that have been confirmed by site review.